

### **Specification Amendments**

On page 6, please replace the first full paragraph with the following paragraph:

The inventor has overcome this problem [my] by modifying the hoop 10 to provide a series of parallel grooves 50 on the inward face 14 of ring 12. Grooves 50 are uniformly spaced apart and are parallel to the reference plane P of hoop 10. In this way the user can visually determine the extent to which each bolt 44 is drawn down toward the associated receiver 36, by viewing the nearest groove 50 revealed above the surface of drumhead 28. If the groove 50 is parallel to the drumhead, then the user knows that the drumhead is uniformly tightened in position. If the drumhead is not uniformly tightened, then a groove 50 will be sloped relative to the drumhead, which is easily perceived by the user.